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The Amana Society in Iowa Lives According to the Golden Rule-History of the Sect. .

state name is a sect which is demonstrating to the world that a colony governed by the golden rule and organized on the community of interest plan is a success. This colony is composed mainly of Hessians who, many years ago, purchased land in the fertile valley of the lowa river and nettled down to serve their God and do their part toward their fellow-man. Here today there is a community of 2,500 souls bound together under an organization that has for its fundamental principle fair dealings and equal rights to all.

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In the northeastern part of Iowa county and about 20 miles south of Marion are a half dozen thrifty villages composed of members of this religious society. The principal and oldest of these villages is Amana, which is situated on the Kansas City division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. South Amana and Homestead, two smaller Hessian villages are on the Rock Island.

Amana is, properly speaking, the

In Iowa along the river bearing the | capital of the colony and as a rule it is here that the seat of government, if such it can be called, is located. There are upwards of 800 people in this town and everyone who is old enough is kept busy adding to the wealth of the com rounity. The only personss exempt from this are the infirm, who are guaranteed food, shelter and care during old

In this unique settlment there are In this unique settiment there are woolen, cotton and flour mills, tobacco warehouses, storage barns for grain, clevators, general stores, operated and managed in the interest of all, for in this society there are no individual cwnerships. While manufacturing forms an important industry and the cotton mills false cores of the raw prodcotton mills take care of the raw prod-ucts, it is second to argiculture. Politics has little part in affairs. When the Hawkeye state is tornasund-

er by political rivalry, factional differ-ences and party strife these people ge calmly about their everyday affairs as though political campaigns were unheard of. They have no part in the precincts of Amana, South Amana, precincts of Amana, South Amana, Homestead and other villages in this section. This colony owns more than 26,000 acres, of land. Its property is valued at upward of \$2,000,000. While the laws of the state and nation are

of its members. As a consequence it is regarded throughout the state as be-ing composed of almost ideal citizens, and the courts of Iowa county would have little to do if all the county was made up of such law-abiding and un-

individuals, The Amana society dates back to the year 1714, when J. F. Rock and E. L. Gruber of Hessia, Germany, organized a religious sect, having for its creed, that God could in these latter days inspire men to speak and declare His word and will. They soon had many followers who desired a purer religion with a higher standard of virtue and morality. The preachers, their succesmorality. The preachers, their succes-ors and followers were persecuted, derided and mobbed. They were even tied to the whipping post, and were

tied to the whipping post, and were sometimes publicly lashed through the streets. They were forbidden to hold incetings, and on the death of P. G. Nagel, one of their leading preachers in 1779, the society declined. In 1848 it was decided best to emigrate to Ameri-Representatives of the society hought 5,000 acres of land near Buffalo.
N. Y. A committee was sent to lowa

in November of that year, and on its favorable report 3,300 acres of land vas purchased about 20 miles west of Iowa City. Additional land was sub-sequently obtained, till the present 26,-600 acre limit was reached. 600 acre limit was reached.

Since coming to Iowa seven villages Since coming to lowa seven villages have been established—Amana, West Amana, South Amana, High Amana, East Amana, Homestead and Middly amana. The society is incorporated under the name of the "Amana Society." According to the articles of incorpora-tion. "The foundation of our civil or-ganization is and shall forever remain in God the Lord, and the faith which He worked in us according to His free grace and mercy."

in a board of 13 trustees, elected an-nually from the elders. These trustees choose annually from the number a president, vice president and a secre-tary, who have full power to sign all public documents in the name of the fociety.

When an individual becomes a member of the Amana society he is required to turn over all property owned by him to the common fund. Officers of the society in turn issue to new members a certificate of credit, which is also shown on the books. This credit is se-cured by the pledge of the common property of the society.

Each member is entitled to free board and dwelling, to support and care in old age, sickness and infirmity, and to an annual sum of maintenance, the amount of which is fixed by the trustees. All children and minors after the death of their parents and relatives are death of their parents and relatives are under special guardianship of the trustees during their minority. All credits, if not disposed of by will, or rang debts left by the parents, are as-s uned by the children. Members leav-ing the society, either of their own choice or expulsion, receive back the amount paid into the common fund, without any interest or allowance for services during the time of memberservices during the time of membership.

The society operates two mills. One of these mills is located at Amana and the other at Middle Amana. A factory for the manufacture of col-ton prints is located at Amana. Through ton prints is located at Amana. Through a canal seven miles in length water is obtained from the Iowa river, which furnishes part of the necessary power Steam is also used. There are flour mills at Amana and West Amana. Each of the seven villages has a general store, where everything needed by the community may be obtained.

large kitchen houses, where two o three score of people eat together When the people assemble in these eating houses the men are seated at one iong table and the women at another. Transient visitors are given a table to hemselves

They have graded schools, and the children between the ages of 5 and 14 attend the year around. Instructio is given in English and German. Tw Two religious services are held Sundaye in large meetings houses and prayer meetings are held weekday evenings.

Members of the community purchase Members of the community purchase articles at the general store in much the same manner as is described by Edward Bellamy in his "Looking Back-ward." No money is used in the trans-action. Should a member desire to take a trip, however, he must apply to the clder having direction over his work, and if he has been faithful the elder will hand him the smout of money rewill hand him the amount of money re-quired. Drones are not tolerated.

The people dress very much alike and the various styles are not imitated. Dwelling houses are comfortable and well furnished, but all frills are ta-booed and the houses are exceedingly plain, as will be seen from the accom-panying illustrations. Oxen are used for heavy work. Old fashioned pumps are seen at the wells and games and all

frivolities are prohibited. While this piain life probably would not suit the great majority, yet it has one advant-age in that no member of the Amana society need walk the floor fretting and anxious over some business venture of worrying lest those dependent upor him go hungry by reason of being thrown out of a position. Excursions are frequently run to

Amana from neighboring counties, carrying visitors who desire to see the

note was considered an insult, and such a thing as a breach of contract was rarely heard of, so strictly did the peo-ple regard their honor. There is a story of a farmer who had been to the lowlands, and had there acquired world-ly wisdom. ly

he needed some money, and requested a loan from a gentleman in the neigh-borhood. The latter, Mr. Stewart.com-plied and counted out the gold, when the farmer immediately wrote a receipt.

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treated with such hospitality

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" 'Binding ye, indeed! Well, my man, if ye canna trust yoursel', I'm sure I'll na trust ye! Such as ye canna hae my gold;' and, on gathering it up, he re-turned it to his desk and locked it up,

" 'But, sir, I might die,' real at real needy Scot, unwilling to surrender his hope of the loan, 'and perhaps, my sona might refuse it to ye, but the bit of pa-per would compel them.' "'Compel them to sustain their dead father's honor!' cried the enraged Celt. "They'll need compelling to do right if this is the read when badfing them.'

this is the road ye're leading to do right if this is the road ye're leading them. Ye can gang elsewhere for money. I teil ye; but ye'll find nane about here that'll put more faith in a bit of paper than a neighbor's word of honor and his love of right."

Saves a Woman's Life.

To have given up would have meant death for Mrs. Lois Cragg, of Dorches-ter, Mass. For years she had endured antold misery from a severe lung treuble and obstinate cough. "Often," writes, "I could scarcely breathe writes. I could scarcely oreathe and sometimes could not speak. All doc-tors and remedies failed till I used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consump-tion and was completely cured." Suf-ferers from Coughs, Colds, Throat and Lung Trouble need this grand remedy, for it nover disappoints. Cure is for it never disappoints. Cure is suaranteed by Z. C. M. I. Drug depart-ment. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bot-

grace and mercy." According to the plan of organization the control and management is vested the messlves, but the cooking is done in Amana or other towns of the society wisdom: "After returning to his native place ties free. respected, the creed requires far more THE REIGNING AND WINTER FASHIONS Are Now Ready For Your Inspection. Stirring Values in Black and Colored HE NEW SHIPMENTS show the Daintiest and Clever-NEW SILK STYLES est examples of the Weaver's Art; The Richest FALL DRESS GOODS. Hundreds of New Effects for Waists, Separate 46-inch all wool imported Vigoreux Sulting, 40 and 46-inch Panama Cloth, all wool. 38-inch all wool Double width all wool Tricot, suit-30c able for children's dresses and 05c Skirts, Petticoats, Evening and Street Costumes. adornment of the gentler sex, and the smartest waists. 38-inch Melrose and Pebble Yd. Cheviot, all the leading colors and Granite Cloth, all of them the most BEST OIL BOILED GUARANTEED QUALITIES, conceptions in Ladies', Misses' and Children's Ready-to-Yd. popular of the new fall and winter black. fabrics. wear apparel ever exhibited. Atlantic Mills all wool Cheviots, 45c 50c hair line crash mixtures, pure wool, all wool Granite Etamine and Hen-40-inch all pure wool black Etamine, Special Prices will rule at this first complete 60c Granite Cloth, Hopsacking, desir-65c riettas, these are in widths of 28 to 40-inch, and in all the leading coldisplay of the new Fall and Winter Offerings. able materials all of them, regular Yd. Yd. 75c values 85c ors. 50-inch black Mystral, fine, crisp and sheer, pure wool fabrics, \$1.25 \$1.00 ( 40-inch neat designs pure Mohairs, figured Prunellas, and other fancy 35c 95c Yd. is the regular value. weaves, best values ever brought to Yd. ( Salt Lake. Flannelette and Out-Ladies' Pleated Satin Belts

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